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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 798
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
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AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN "FOLK ARTS" TROUPE

REF: 77 KATHMANDU 5574 (NOTAL)

1. ROK EMBASSY OFFICER KIM TOLD DCM JANUARY 19 THAT,
FOLLOWING GON'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN REQUEST
TO SEND "FOLK ARTS" GROUP TO PERFORM IN NEPAL (REFTEL),
NORTH KOREANS ON JANUARY 8 INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT
NORTH KOREA HAD DECIDED TO SEND TROUPE HERE AT ITS OWN EXPENSE
AND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF BEING OFFICIAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE VISIT.
MOFA OFFICIALS TOLD SOUTH KOREANS THAT HMG IS EMBARRASSED OVER
THIS DEVELOPMENT BUT DOES NOT SEE HOW IT CAN STOP GROUP FROM
COMING. ACCORDING TO KIM, GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT BURMA
FROM JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 11 AND WOULD PRESUMABLY COME TO
NEPAL AFTER THAT.

2. AS INDICATED REFTEL, REPORTED REASON FOR NEGATIVE GON
RESPONSE WAS THAT MUCH OF THE "FOLK ART" PERFORMANCE
WAS POLITICAL PROPAGANDA, INCLUDING SCENES OF NORTH
KOREANS BAYONETTING AMERICANS.

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3. IF GROUP DOES APPEAR IN BURMA, WOULD APPRECIATE

WHATEVER INFO EMBASSY RANGOON CAN GIVE US ON NATURE
OF PERFORMANCE THERE.
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